- (b) For purposes of this section, the term "qualifying gross revenue" means—
  - (1) if a majority of the person's annual income is received from farming and ranching operations, the gross revenue from the person's farming and ranching operations; and
- (2) if less than a majority of the person's annual income is received from farming and ranching operations, the person's gross revenue from all sources.

(Oct. 31, 1949, ch. 792, title VI, §610, as added Aug. 11, 1988, Pub. L. 100–387, title I, §101(a), 102 Stat. 931.)

### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 15 days after Aug. 11, 1988, see section 101(c)(1) of Pub. L. 100-387, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 1988 Amendment note under section 1427 of this title.

### INAPPLICABILITY OF SECTION

Section inapplicable to 1996 through 2002 crops of loan commodities, peanuts, and sugar and inapplicable to milk during period beginning Apr. 4, 1996, and ending Dec. 31, 2002, see section 7301(b)(1)(L) of this title.

# § 1471i. Administration

### (a) Regulations

The Commodity Credit Corporation shall issue regulations to carry out this subchapter.

# (b) Processing and decisions to be made as quickly as practicable

Such regulations shall establish procedures to ensure that the request for assistance by a Governor or county committee under section 1471b of this title, and individual applications of livestock producers under section 1471c of this title for assistance, are processed and decisions thereon are made as quickly as practicable.

# (c) Indigenous plants not considered feed on hand

For purposes of this subchapter, indigenous plants available to a livestock producer but not normally consumed by livestock as feed, such as cactus, may not be considered as feed on hand for such producers.

(Oct. 31, 1949, ch. 792, title VI,  $\S611$ , as added Aug. 11, 1988, Pub. L. 100–387, title I,  $\S101(a)$ , 102 Stat. 931.)

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# INAPPLICABILITY OF SECTION

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### § 1471j. Penalties

A person that disposes of any feed made available to a livestock producer under this subchapter other than as authorized by the Secretary shall be (1) subject to a civil penalty equal to the market value of the feed involved, to be recovered by the Secretary in a civil suit brought for that purpose, and (2) guilty of a mis-

demeanor and, on conviction thereof, subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

(Oct. 31, 1949, ch. 792, title VI, §612, as added Aug. 11, 1988, Pub. L. 100–387, title I, §101(a), 102 Stat. 931.)

### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 15 days after Aug. 11, 1988, see section 101(c)(1) of Pub. L. 100-387, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 1988 Amendment note under section 1427 of this title.

### INAPPLICABILITY OF SECTION

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This chapter is referred to in sections 1301, 1391, 6933 of this title; title 12 section 1150a; title 21 section 889; title 26 section 6109; title 42 section 405.

# § 1501. Short title; application of other laws

This chapter may be cited as the "Federal Crop Insurance Act". Except as otherwise expressly provided the provisions in titles I to IV, inclusive, shall not apply with respect to this chapter, and the term "Act" wherever it appears in such titles shall not be construed to include this chapter.

(Feb. 16, 1938, ch. 30, title V, §501, 52 Stat. 72.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

"Titles I to IV, inclusive," and "such titles", referred to in text, are references to titles I to IV of act Feb. 16, 1938, ch. 30, 52 Stat. 31, as amended, known as the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, which is classified

principally to chapter 35 (§ 1281 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1281 of this title and Tables.

### SHORT TITLE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103–354, title I, §101(a), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3179, provided that: "This title [enacting sections 1433f, 1515, 1521, and 2008f of this title, amending sections 1441–2, 1444–2, 1444f, 1445b–3a, 1502 to 1509, 1511, 1513, 1516, and 1518 to 1520 of this title, sections 901 and 902 of Title 2, The Congress, and section 1014 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure, repealing sections 1446i and 1508a of this title, enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 1502, 1506, and 1508 of this title and sections 901 and 902 of Title 2, and repealing provisions set out as a note under section 1421 of this title] may be cited as the 'Federal Crop Insurance Reform Act of 1994'."

### SHORT TITLE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 96–365, §1, Sept, 26, 1980, 94 Stat. 1312, provided: "That this Act [amending sections 1441, 1444, 1444c, 1445b, 1504, 1505, 1506, 1507, 1508, 1516, and 1518 and repealing section 1515 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 1504, 1508, and 1516 of this title] may be cited as the 'Federal Crop Insurance Act of 1980."

# § 1502. Purpose and definitions

### (a) Purpose

It is the purpose of this chapter to promote the national welfare by improving the economic stability of agriculture through a sound system of crop insurance and providing the means for the research and experience helpful in devising and establishing such insurance.

### (b) Definitions

As used in this chapter:

### (1) Additional coverage

The term "additional coverage" means a plan of crop insurance coverage providing a level of coverage greater than the level available under catastrophic risk protection.

### (2) Approved insurance provider

The term "approved insurance provider" means a private insurance provider that has been approved by the Corporation to provide insurance coverage to producers participating in the Federal crop insurance program established under this chapter.

### (3) Board

The term "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Corporation established under section 1505(a) of this title.

### (4) Corporation

The term "Corporation" means the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation established under section 1503 of this title.

# (5) Department

The term "Department" means the United States Department of Agriculture.

# (6) Loss ratio

The term "loss ratio" means the ratio of all sums paid by the Corporation as indemnities under any eligible crop insurance policy to that portion of the premium designated for anticipated losses and a reasonable reserve, other than that portion of the premium designated for operating and administrative expenses.